



What should I already know?

There are famous people both now and in the past.
People explore to find new things and places.

Knowledge

Christopher Columbus (c.1451-1506) was an Italian explorer who is famous for his voyages across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas.

He was the first European to set foot on the South American mainland.

Many people mistakenly think that Columbus discovered America. An estimated 100 million indigenous people lived there already.

Also, the Viking explorer Leif Ericson had already visited Newfoundland around 1000CE.

Many people at the time believed that the world was flat. Columbus aimed to prove that Earth was round.



Year 1- Spring Term- Significant individuals- Christopher Columbus

Historical Skills

- Use sources to answer *simple* questions about the past.
- Ask and answer questions about the past through observing and handling a range of sources, such as objects, pictures, people talking about their past, buildings, written sources. Recognise that their own lives are different from the lives of people in the past by describing some of the topics, events and people that they have studied.
- Use simple stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events.
- Using basic historical vocabulary.

Vocabulary

Famous	Someone who is known by many people.
Voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea.
Explorer	A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.
Native	Being born in a specific place.
America	The large continent which Columbus discovered by accident.
Asia	The world's largest continent which Columbus thought he had arrived at.
Sea-Faring	One who enjoys being at sea.
Rations	An allocation of a small amount of food in order to survive over a long period of time.
Slavery	When one person is made to work for another without any payment.
Ship's log	The diary of a ship's voyage written by the Captain.